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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Communication mailed on August 24, 2004. The Examiner indicated that the reply was not fully responsive because the Applicants did not make a species election.

The examiner has stated that applicants must choose one of the following: a cationic solubility control agent, an anionic solubility control agent, an organic valence stabilizer, and an inorganic valence stabilizer.

Applicants elect organic valence stabilizers with traverse. Therefore, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, claims 1-8, 13-35, 42-59, 66-74 and 101-102 for initial prosecution on the merits.

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Claims 1-74 and 101-102 were said to be generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising cationic and anionic solubility control agents, as well as organic and inorganic valence stabilizers. Therefore, applicants respectfully traverse the present species election requirement because upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. See 37 CFR §1.141.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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